

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2440 - SB 2479

March 6, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board of Claims to reimburse an officer or employee for actual damages and costs, including attorneys fees, awarded against the employee by judgment or settlement provided the employee was acting within the scope of the employee's official duties.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant/Claims Award Fund

Estimate assumes a not significant increase in benefit payouts from the Claims Award Fund. Using the number of claims presented to the Board of Claims in the past 5 years, the average award for punitive damages was \$10,000 per year. If the bill passes, payments from the Claims Award Fund could increase by \$10,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director